

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Similar to Fox, Sinclair is a puppet for Republicans and the Christian Right.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest not to present a biased view guided by special interests. Let the special interests pay to get their points across. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line than a factual approach to issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.